and handed over the possession of 2354 acres of surplus land lying unutilised with KPT, needed for Gandhidham Town, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Out of the total land measuring 6920 acre in the Gandhidham Township, about 5900 acres of land has been utilised by the Kandla Port Trust for various purposes.

(b) The subject major port is included in the Union list of the Constitution and the Kandla Port enjoys the status of major port. The land and water front within the notified area of the major port vest with the Union of India.

(a) Does not arise.

National Highways Link to Villages

† 3205. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of villages and towns are situated within the radius of 10 Kilometer of National Highways in the Country;

(c) if so, whether Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme for linking these villages or towns with the national Highways; and

(d) if so, what are the broad outlines of the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Surface Transport is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways only. This Ministry has not formulated any scheme for linking villages and towns with the National Highways.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.